



## **All American Girls Ice Hockey Tournament Rules**

### **Tournament Rules**

- A. USA Hockey registered officials will be used.
- B. A certified athletic trainer, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), paramedic, or medical / osteopathic physician shall be in attendance.
- C. USA Hockey rules, as modified by MN Hockey and the tournament committee will be used.
- D. Canadian teams must wear protective equipment as designated by CAHA.
- E. Length of periods:
  - U10: 12 minute stop time periods
  - U12: 15 minute stop time periods
  - U15: 15 minute stop time periods
- F. Minor penalties will be: 1:00min for U10, 1:30min for U12, and 2:00min for U15
- G. Each team will be allowed one timeout (one minute) per game.
- H. Running time in the third period is used when there is a 5 or more-goal differential. Should the difference go below 5, the clock returns to stop time.
- I. Per MN Hockey rules there will be 4 coaches allowed on the bench during the game.

### **Tournament Procedure & Rule Modifications**

The following information briefly covers a number of topics that are of particular interest to spectators, as related to team conduct, competition format, rule modifications and other policies and procedures established by the All American Girls Ice Hockey Tournament.

- A. **Team Conduct:** All American Girls Ice Hockey Tournament Officials expect the conduct of players and coaches to be beyond reproach, both on and off the ice. Any misconduct will result in immediate and prompt disqualification from the tournament. Spectators should also be advised that the All American Girls Ice Hockey Tournament has established a ZERO TOLERANCE policy in regards to abusive language and unsportsmanlike behavior towards opposing team's players, coaches and fans, as well as referees, volunteers and tournament officials. Spectators violating this policy will be immediately escorted from the venue.
- B. **Competition Format:** All teams participating in the All American Girls Ice Hockey Tournament are guaranteed four tournament games. For all games, the first team listed on the schedule or on the top of the bracket shall be considered the Home Team and will wear light jerseys, the away team wearing dark jerseys.
- C. **Goal Differential:** The max goal differential for the tournament is a 7 goal differential.

- D. Tie Break Procedures for round robin and pool play divisions (no overtime in these games):
- a. Head to head results
  - b. Most wins
  - c. Fewest goals allowed
  - d. Most goals scored
  - e. Coin toss
- If a tie in the standings occurs with three teams, and the tie breaking procedure eliminates one of the teams but two teams still remain tied, the eliminated team is removed and the procedure is started over with the remaining two teams.
- E. In bracket or advancement games, there will be a five minute, running time, sudden death, overtime period in all games that are tied at the end of regulation. Overtime will be played at 4-on-4 on-ice numerical strength. If after this overtime period the teams are still tied, there will be a three player shootout. Each team will select three players who will alternate taking penalty shots – the home team will shoot first. If after three players the score is still tied, a sudden death shootout will occur until a winner is determined. No player may shoot twice until every player has gone once.
- F. Rules and Rule Modifications: The All American Girls Ice Hockey Tournament is played under current USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey rules as modified by tournament organizers. USA Hockey/Minnesota Hockey guidelines for equipment will be enforced for all U.S. based teams. International teams will be requested to abide by their country's equipment guidelines. Listed below are some of the more significant rule modifications that will be used.
- a. All players, including alternate goalies, are required to wear helmets on the bench
  - b. Checking will NOT be permitted at any level
  - c. Slap shots are legal at all age levels.
  - d. Goal judges will NOT be used
- G. Penalties: Only referees and linesman registered with USA Hockey will be assigned to work the All American Girls Ice Hockey Tournament. **All decisions made by the officials during the game are final!** Tournament organizers want to call attention to the following penalties, penalty modifications and/or points of emphasis:
- a. In the event of coincidental penalties, neither team will skate shorthanded
  - b. Should a team accumulate a combination of 12 penalties (minor and/or major) during any single game, the offending team's head coach will automatically receive a game misconduct. In addition, any player accumulating 4 penalties (minor and/or major) in any single game will receive a game misconduct.
  - c. USA Hockey has zero tolerance for racial and ethnic slurs, and sexual harassment. Players in violation will be removed per USA Hockey and MN Hockey rules.
  - d. Protests: No protests will be allowed regarding rules interpretations or judgement calls made by game officials. Only protests related to game rules that can be addressed within the USA Hockey rulebook or regarding player eligibility will be heard by tournament officials. If it is determined that a player has violated an eligibility rule, both the player and the head coach will be disqualified from the tournament. Disqualifications will begin from the point where the player is determined ineligible and will not affect prior results or change a team's record. However, all goals will be subtracted from a team's total of goals for record in which the ineligible player was part of the scoring play (either goal or assist).